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## SEABOARD LOCALS.

### Breath Broken Monday Morning-- Fine Cotton Crop--General News Items.

Mr. R. Harvey Hancock, one of Northampton's favored sons, who has been making his home in Newark, N. J., for several years, is on a visit to his father and other relatives. He held a clerkship in Seaboard for many years and was here Saturday receiving the welcome hand-shake from his many friends. He, like all loyal Tar Heels, is very fond of his county paper, "THE TIMES" and left with us his annual subscription.

Mrs. Nina Niblett of Spring Hope, Miss Mary Foster of Portsmouth, Va., and little Miss Elizabeth and Master Leon Tucker, also of Portsmouth, are welcome guests, this week, of their parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Foster.

Miss Garnette Crocker, after an absence of three weeks with a schoolmate, in Macon, returned to her home here the past Friday.

Mr. Lenwood Ford and family of Maragrettsville came up in their auto last Sunday and spent the afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Suiter Rogers.

Miss Ida S. Gay, who has been spending a portion of her vacation with her sister, Mrs. J. T. Pruden of Portsmouth, returned to her home here last Friday evening.

Messrs. Edgar M. Harris and Jonn Darden of Branchville, while speeding around the country in Mr. Harris' new auto last Sunday, stopped here for awhile with Mr. Harris' father, Mr. B. F. Harris.

The many friends of Mrs. Pattie Barker will be saddened to know that she left here last Friday for treatment in a Norfolk hospital.

The drought here was relieved by a good rain early Monday morning, the largest we have had since first of May. No wind accompanied the storm, of any consequence, but the electrical display was rather startling during the progress of the storm. We hear that neighbor W. T. Jones and Ned Phillips (colored) each lost a cow by the lightning.

Mr. Jones, of Warfield, Va., the R. R. agent that succeeds Agent Cumming here, will take charge of the office on the morning of July 4th. We take this means of welcoming Mr. Jones and wife to our town. We hope their coming may mean mutual good.

Little Miss Nannie Jones is sick with very high temperature at the home of her parents. Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Jones.

The Sunday school excursion on June 30th, embracing the Sunday schools of Weldon, Garysburg, Jackson, Seaboard and Margarettsville, carried the largest crowd last Friday that has ever seized this opportunity of making a cheap trip to the "Cities by the Sea." Ocean View was the mecca of the majority, but the other resorts were liberally patronized also.

Messrs. Andrew Crocker and Ben Stancill spent the past Sabbath at Ocean View, Va.

The liveliest interest is being taken in the celebrations for the glorious Fourth. All the plans have been perfected and everything is in readiness for the lawn party, the biggest event Seaboard has seen in a long time. The picnics at Pruden Springs and Taylor's mill pond will also

be largely attended.

Miss Jessie Barrett, after a visit of two weeks to relatives here and in the country, left for her home near Murfreesboro, last Saturday morning.

Mr. Frank Robinson and wife have rented the furnished home of Mrs. Lucie Grubbs. They began house-keeping July 1st with Mrs. Grubbs as their only boarder.

Mr. Vernon Davis, wife and two children of Newport News, Va., who have been visiting his mother, Mrs. L. A. Carpenter, proprietress of The Seaboard Hotel, and other relatives in and around town, will leave Wednesday for their home.

Miss Elizabeth Ramsay left last week for Richmond, Va., where she joined her brother J. T. Ramsay and wife for a ten days trip to Niagara Falls and other places of interest.

Mrs. Jessup has joined her husband, who has been here some months in the interest of The Seaboard Lumber Co. They hope to set up housekeeping before the end of the week.

The cotton crop seemingly is standing the distressing drought which was broken by a fine rain Monday, better than most any other vegetation and is looking fine. The crop will be several weeks earlier than last year. Several farmers report blooms. Peanuts are fairly good, but corn has been damaged by lack of rain. Gardens have suffered most of all. Vegetables very scarce.

The foundations are now being made for the \$5700.00 State High School building here. The bricks have arrived and are all on the grounds. Much of the framing timber is in readiness for the saw and hammer. The building will be ready for occupancy Oct. 1, 1911.

## OLD ZICK.

### Students and Smoking.

Chicago Record-Herald.

The habits of Chicago boys continue to receive the attention of the medical journals, particularly the habit of smoking. There is a growing belief that students begin the use of tobacco too early and follow it up with too great zeal. And it is well-ascertained fact that college students who do not smoke attain, as a general thing, a higher rank than those who do. Smoking, sanely says the Medical Journal, of New York, may be accepted as a symptom of the contemplative habit of mind—or, to put it less kindly, of the lazy habit of mind. But contemplativeness should not begin too soon. Laziness is the last thing desired in a young man who, by the very nature of his open professions, is expected to be "up and doing" in a stiff endeavor to qualify himself for future success. Tobacco, along with other stimulants, really belongs to middle age, according to the same authority. At that time of life the nervous system begins to be impaired, and the mild narcotics have their value in conserving energy in preventing waste. For the youth of twenty to adopt the props sometimes desirable for the man of forty is an error. By adopting such a course he unconsciously confesses to a premature degeneration. The college boy who postpones for a while the use of pipes and cigarettes may count upon emerging from his educational ordeal with better body, brain and prospects.

The ROANOKE-CHOWAN TIMES and the Weekly Progressive Farmer \$1 85.

## A CARRIER OF DISEASE.

### Fight the Flies and Reduce Sickness All People Should War Against Germ-Laden Pests.

The fly is a carrier of disease. That is, of many of those diseases which are contagious, commonly known as catching. To understand the part that the fly plays in carrying these diseases, it is necessary to have in mind both the actual cause of these diseases and the nature, structure and habits of the fly. The diseases in question are caused by bacteria. The bacterial theory of these diseases, advanced some thirty years ago, is now thoroughly and absolutely established. It has been repeatedly proved, by placing proper bacteria in susceptible animals and plants, that these bacteria can make the healthy organism sick, often unto death. Bacteria are exceedingly small, the smallest living things. They are plants and measure, the ordinary ones, something in the neighborhood of one-fifty thousandth of an inch in length. It would take more than two hundred of them placed end to end to reach a distance equal to the thickness of the paper on which this is printed. A half million or so could repose comfortably on a dot over the letter in this line. Though they are so small, they increase with such rapidity that one, today, may, within twelve hours, have an offspring of more than sixteen million. They also produce violent poisons, the most intense poison known to man. To their rapid multiplication and their poison producing power they owe their strength. Since they are so small a million or so may be carried on the feet of a fly without burdening it. So much for the bacteria.

The habits of the fly, all know, we have but to watch it a moment to see it flitting higher and higher, alighting here and there stepping into everything clean and filthy. It needs not the imagination to appreciate that in its daily rounds it may step into the sputum of a consumptive or excreta from a typhoid patient, into contagious sores or dozens of other places of filth and disease. From such places it may fly to us, walk over us, dip into our food and leave contagion. This is no mere theory because it has been proved by experiment that the fly can carry germs. They have been found on his feet. Both typhoid germs and tuberculosis germs have been found on the feet of flies. More-over actual cases of disease have many times been traced to flies. Among the diseases known to be borne are typhoid fever, cholera, anthrax, dysentery, tuberculosis, summer diarrhoea infants, and the plague. With us, of course, most of these diseases do not come into consideration. The one which is of chief importance here is typhoid fever, with some emphasis on tuberculosis. It is certain that, throughout the city, excreta and tubercula sputum bearing millions and millions of bacteria are lying open accessible to flies. It is equally certain that flies visit these things and that their feet, as they fly away, are laden with them. Any fly which we see on our food has with it the possibility that it is bearing typhoid or tuberculosis.

In the light of these facts the fly must cease to be regarded merely as a nuisance but all must recognize that it deserves the name that it is now coming to

bear throughout the world, namely, the typhoid fly.

F. L. STEVENS,  
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## How One Farm Was Made Over.

J. W. Wirtz, in Raleigh (N. C.) Progressive Farmer

About five years ago a farmer came to us and said: "I have never been anything else but a piney woods farmer, but my boys, four of them, are growing up and I want to change. I want to get out of the old rut." He had never used any other plow than a Boy Dixie, never used a smoothing harrow, had no mower, no hay-rake, had never made any hay, always pulled his fodder. He bought the above mentioned articles, and he and his boys went to work, they did not scratch; they plowed, and a great improvement was made in the crops the first year. That fall a dairy of 12 cows was put in. One of the boys that was in love with the work, took charge of it. The dairy more than paid the expense of operating the three-horse farm. One of the boys, through reading the farm papers, thought he would like a canning outfit. It was purchased, a lot of tomatoes were raised; also some peaches, beans and okra were canned, as well as a lot of berries. The family had all the canned goods they wanted and quite a lot was sold; in fact, enough to pay for the outfit and expense for the canning. The house was repaired, a large new barn was erected, wire fences were put up for cow and hog pastures, registered cattle and hogs bought, and one passing by would not know the old place.

Before the farm changed hands it was considered one of the poorest in the neighborhood, and the man that owned it hardly made a living. Last year 1,800 bushels of sweet potatoes were raised, besides corn, cotton and an abundance of feed for the dairy. He paid \$15.00 per acre five years ago, last fall he was offered \$60.00.

## Self-Consciousness, the Foe to Success.

O. S. Marden in "Success Magazine."

Timidity, shyness, and self-consciousness belong to the same family. We usually find all where we find any one, and they are enemies of peace of mind, happiness, and achievement. No one has ever done a great thing while his mind was centered upon himself. We must lose ourselves before we can find ourselves. Self analysis is valuable only to learn our strength; it is fatal if it makes us dwell upon our weaknesses. Timid, shy people are morbidly self-conscious; they think too much about themselves. Their thoughts are turned inward; they are always analyzing, dissecting themselves, wondering how they appear and what people think of them. If these people could only forget themselves and think of others, they would be surprised to see what freedom, ease and grace they would gain; what success in life they would achieve.

Thousands of young people are held back from undertaking what they long to do, and are kept from trying to make real their great life-dreams, because they are afraid to jostle with the world. They shrink from exposing their sore spots and sensitive points, which smarts from the lightest touch. Their supersensitiveness makes cowards of them.

A man may like a girl all the more because she seems to like him less.

## FROM JACKSON.

### County in Good Financial Condition-- Educational Progress--Fine Crops--Personals.

There was a very small crowd here Monday, compared with the usual crowds first Mondays.

There were fine rains in the Northern and Western parts of the county last Monday morning. Crops are reported fine all over the county.

The various county boards were in session here Monday. The Board of Education had so much business before it that they will have to meet again next Monday to finish the work. Material for the new school building is being placed on the lot, and work will soon begin.

The financial condition of the county is good. On July first there were about five thousand dollars to the credit of the County fund and seven thousand dollars to the credit of the road fund. It is reported that more work has been done on the roads this year than heretofore.

Mr. Geo. E. Ransom is said to have very fine crops on all of his farms this year. The cotton on his farm near Garysburg is reported to be very fine.

Mr. James A. Worrell and bride are now at home to their friends.

Reports received here indicate that the school elections will carry at Milwaukie, Woodland and Lasker next Tuesday, though the vote at the latter two places may be close.

The court house has been greatly improved inside and out.

The Teachers' Institute begins here next Monday, and will continue for ten days.

If the school elections already called to be held in Northampton are carried for the schools, Margarettsville, Pleasant Hill and Gumberry will be the only villages in Northampton having no special school tax. The sentiment in favor of better schools has grown wonderfully during the past six years.

## Vacation Days.

Selected

The army of rest seekers grows larger every year, and each year we are learning better methods of spending our few precious hours of vacation in restful communion with nature. It is not the great hotel, or the fashionable resort, or the yatching voyage or the automobile tour, but the zest in life, the happy disposition, the freedom from the daily grind, the finding of good fellowship along running brooks, under leafy trees, on the sides of mountains, on the shore of lake or river, that send us back to our work, hearted and happy. For any of these, a great amount of money is not necessary; but before starting, one should have plans formulated and arrangements made so as to get the best out of whatever they may have to spare or spend. Everyone cannot take a trip away from home, no matter how little money may be called for, because money is not all that is needed in the matter. With some it is family; with others business or health, or the comfort of others. But everyone should seek some change from the monotony of every day duty which binds them. A day in the woods, a few days in the country, a change of environment; association with people of our own kind, are all restful, and we should all seek the best that can be had.